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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$114,000 IN COMPLAINTS FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES

SACRAMENTO – The city of Stockton and the town of Discovery Bay face penalties of \$60,000, and \$54,000 respectively for numerous violations of permitted effluent limits at their wastewater treatment plants.

The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued \$114,000 in Administrative Civil Liability Complaints for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for these two facilities. These complaints may be considered at the Central Valley Water Board's regular public meeting on June 11 and 12, 2009.

The City of Stockton faces \$60,000 in MMPs for effluent limitation violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2008. The city violated effluent limitations for coliform, oil and grease, chemical biological oxygen demand, dibromochloromomethane, cyanide, and ammonia. Treated wastewater is discharged to the San Joaquin River.

The town of Discovery Bay faces \$54,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at the wastewater treatment plant from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Effluent limits for coliform and total suspended solids were violated. Treated wastewater is discharged to Old River, which is part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources and may consider the Complaints at its regular public board meeting on June 11 or 12, 2009.